

Muskie talks on state's future

BATH — Taking time out from a traveling schedule that will take him across the nation for the next few weeks, to Japan, and to Great Britain, Senator Edmund S. Muskie came back to his home state this past weekend night. "It's good to be home," he said.

It was a happy, relaxed Muskie in Bath Friday night for the 14th Annual Banquet of the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce. He was surrounded by most service men, the national press, and the most extensive following of a candidate for Vice President of the United States, the Senator seemed to be enjoying himself at the banquet and earlier at a press conference and reception at the Hyatt School.

"It's not comfortable to be here after one has been overseas," the Senator said of his home state which made him Governor and later to Senator.

But he warned that if Maine is a good place to live in and still here, it may not be in the future

if things are not taken by the people to preserve what should be preserved and change what should be changed.

"It seems incredible that you could raise 3,000 miles of coastline," the Senator said, speaking of changes along the Maine coast. "But you'll find it's not as bad as it seems."

Over the years, the Senator said, Maine has been very much a state of change. He must admit the state's lagging behind compared with some other areas of the country, he said, but it also must be said "we are in a position to benefit from the mistakes of other parts of the country."

But change is coming to Maine. "The country is moving to change, preserve, and create a new balance, nothing will happen unless people are willing to get the job done only if you work at it," he said.

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Muskie said he had been warmly received in Maine, that "it's a state of people who are proud of their state," and that he was sure of that.

Asked at his news conference if he was a Republican, Muskie said, "I don't think I would ever take a page out of Nixon's book."

Declaring that reports of his possible \$1,000 to \$1,500 net for non-political appearances were exaggerated, he told reporters that his only source of income was a very small pension.

He was going to make \$500 or \$600 a year, he said, and was giving one or two ideas about the state of the speaking and travel plans in the coming year, "that's all."

He agreed that President Nixon would be a great asset to the state. He said that the White House before the party would be a great asset to the state.

He said, "I don't think it would come, he said, largely because 'you believe the press' and to this."

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Bath Chamber aims to beautify city

BATH — Declaring that "Bath is a beautiful city," the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce is launching a campaign to beautify the city.

The chamber, which has been in existence for 40 years, is now in its 41st year. It was founded in 1928 by a group of people who were interested in the city's future.

Circus party at Happy House Nursery

BATH — Happy House Nursery School children enjoyed a circus party Friday morning.

The party was held at the nursery school, which is located at 100 Main Street. The children were treated to a variety of circus acts, including a clown, a juggler, and a tightrope walker.

Police report

BATH — Police were told only three minutes after 10 p.m. Saturday that a car, possibly a 1965 Ford, was seen driving on city streets, to the Bath Police Department. The car was seen driving on city streets, to the Bath Police Department.

Bath forty years ago

BATH, JANUARY 27, 1929 — Dr. Warren K. Kenner, a member of the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce, is now in Bath, where Dr. Kenner enjoyed a very pleasant stay.

A particular hobby of the Bath politician is that of being a hunter and he was not disappointed in his trip. It was the first time he had been to Bath in 40 years.

INTERNAL REVENUE

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